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# THE FUNERAL CEREMONY OF LOVE LETTERS *First part*

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I LOVE WRITTEN WORDS.
EVEN IF SOMETHING WERE HIDING BEHIND WORDS
AND COMFORT YOU IN SAD TIMES
THEY WILL LET YOU GO TO BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN HAPPY TIMES
THEY CAN'T BETRAY YOU, NOR WILL THEY TRY TO BARGAIN WITH YOU.
IF SUCH A THING REALLY WERE TO EXIST, THEN IT WOULD HAVE TO STAY IN THE WORLD OF THE WRITTEN WORDS.
LATELY I'VE BEEN HEARING, HOWEVER, THAT'S MATERIALISTIC. I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT FOR THE POOR BUT EVERY YEAR 30000 YEN. MY THEORY IS THAT THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING WONDER IF WE CAN BRING ABOUT A BETTER WAY OF LIVING FOR THE PRESENT AND FUTURE AND RIGHT NOW, WE'RE...
IN THAT WORLD, PURITY WOULD ALWAYS BE
INNOCENCE WITHOUT A LIMIT.
TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL WELFARE NURSING AND THE WAY WE RAISE CHILDREN AND FOR THAT PURPOSE WE, AS A NATION, ENCROSS THE WHOLE NATION OF JAPAN US CITI... US WE SHOULD ACT ACCORDINGLY WHILE THINKING BUT PRACTICALLY SPEAKING THE WORLD NOW HOW DOES THAT SOUND I WOULD NEVER I THINK IT IS GOOD THAT WE.

I DO NOT LIKE HUMANS VERY MUCH...
HOWEVER, LATELY...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO US TODAY
...IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN RIGHT NOW WE SHOULD ACCORDING TO STATISTICS, AS PRIME MINISTER'S DISPOSITION AND DISSATISFACTION FROM ALL OF YOUR EXPRESSIONS BUT BECAUSE WE WILL BE ABLE TO WITHOUT IGNORING THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO WORK FROM NOW ON. JAPAN WILL AND WITH ME. TOGETHER WE CAN WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO PLEASE...
HE CAME AGAIN TODAY...
ONE YEAR AGO...
A GIRL WAS KILLED HERE

pass
WHILE THE MEDIA AND CURIOUS ONLOOKERS MADE A BIG FUSS ABOUT IT...
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO SILENTLY PAID HIS TRIBUTES BY BRINGING FLOWERS EVERY SINGLE DAY.
IN A QUIET RESIDENTIAL AREA, SOMEONE WAS KILLED
THE NEWS WAS FAST TO CATCH ON AND REPORTED ABOUT THE CASE
IN STREET ROAD
HE IS....
clench
THE PERSON
I LONG FOR
I KNOW THAT THE THOUGHTS I HAVE ARE AWFUL.
THEY'RE HOPELESS SHALLOW FEELINGS

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...
I'M JEALOUS OF THE GIRL WHO DIED
I'M NOT SURE WHY I GET SO MANY REQUESTS FOR LOVE LETTERS LATELY
MAYBE IT'S THOSE GIRLS FAULT FOR MAKING A FUSS ABOUT IT LAST TIME
YUUSUKE! AT LEAST SAY "I'M HOME" WHEN YOU RETURN!
I'M HOME...
THE GIRL WHOSE NAME WAS SONODA-SAN, WAS ON HER WAY TO HER FRIEND'S HOUSE WHEN THE INCIDENT HAPPENED
EVEN ON THIS DAY, A YEAR LATER, THE CASE REMAINS UNSOLVED...

MOTHER...
I HOPE THEY FIND THE CULPRIT SOON
I'VE HAD ENOUGH ALREADY.
UNRESOLVED CASES
4th release
THE FAMILY LEFT BEHIND WISHES FOR THE CULPRIT TO BE FOUND AND ARRESTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
DECEASED MICHIRU SONODA 17 YEARS OLD AT THAT TIME
WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE FOLLOWING NEWS...
I HEARD THEY'RE GOING TO PATROL AGAIN AT NIGHT.
A POLICEMAN JUST CAME AND TOLD ME ABOUT IT.
IT'S SO ANNOYING I CAN'T STAND IT.
...
IT'S VEXING JUST BECAUSE THE INCIDENT HAPPENED TO BE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, I'VE HAD TO ENDURE ALL THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE POLICE
I REALLY DON'T WANT THIS ANYMORE

THE VICTIM HAS EVERY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY
AS WELL AS HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS
MUM HAS NO RIGHT TO SAY SUCH SELFISH THINGS
THE POLICE ARE THE ONES TRYING DESPERATELY TO FIND THE CULPRIT.
rustle
. HOWEVER, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
IT'S SHAMEFUL OF ME TO HAVE SUCH LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR HER.
BESIDES, I HAVE THINGS I NEED TO DO
THERE'S QUITE A LOT
I WRITE LOVE LETTERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE (WHEN REQUESTED)

Takayamaaa, I heard you've won quite a few prizes in writing contests, is that right?
You've an impressive writing skill!
Say, can you also write love letters?
IT STARTED OFF AS A JOKE A GIRL MADE TO KILL SOME TIME.
I WAS AWARE THAT THEY WERE JUST TEASING ME, BUT I WROTE A LETTER FOR FUN ANYWAYS.
You really wrote one?
What?

IT APPEARED THAT THE CONTENTS WERE BETTER THAN THEY HAD EXPECTED.

ADDITIONALLY, THAT GIRL ENDED UP GOING OUT WITH THE PERSON SHE GAVE THE LETTER TO.

AND THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP WRITING LOVE LETTERS FOR PEOPLE.

SEEING HOW MUCH THEY RELY ON THEIR PHONES FOR EMAILING,
IT'S IRONIC HOW THEY WANTED TO ADD VALUE TO SOMETHING AS MINOR AS THIS.
NONETHELESS,

I KNOW THIS IS AN ABNORMAL WAY TO GO ABOUT IT, BUT
WITH THIS DISTANCE I ACTUALLY THINK IT'S FUN TO INTERACT WITH PEOPLE
IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE IT
I LIKE HOW THE WORDS COME TOGE-THER WHILE I THINK
THAT'S RIGHT, WITH THIS DISTANCE
I WON'T END UP GETTING HURT.
I WON'T..
GET HURT.
Huh? You're telling me you like guys, Takayama?!
You must be kidding me

That´s disgusting!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
NO MORE
I DON´T WANT TO FALL IN LOVE,WITH ANYONE ANYMORE

glance
glance
whoosh
I WON'T HAVE TO GET HURT BY ANYONE ANYMORE
I'LL BE LIVING LIKE THIS FOREVER

FOREVER
AIZAWA SUZU?
I wonder if it's real like this...
UHM, WHO'S NEXT?
WHO WAS IT—?
?
DID I WRITE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
I MUST'VE BEEN HALF ASLEEP

WELL, I'LL JUST PUT IT IN HERE.
Umm, who's next?
looks around
IT'S HOPELESS. I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING
HEY!
TAKAYAMA!

WHO THE HELL IS THAT?
HUH? AIZAWA?
NO IDEA WHO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
HUH?
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME...
What?!
YEAH, I DID
I GAVE ONE TO TAKAGI-KUN, YUKAWA-KUN, YAMADA-KUN AND AIZAWA-KUN
YOU WROTE THE LETTERS AND PLACED THEM PROPERLY, RIGHT?
YOU IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING MISTAKING THE NAMES! IF YOU RUIN OUR PLANS, I'LL BEAT THE SHIT OUT OF YOU!
KICK
Ouch!
ding
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON, GEEZ...
dong
ding
dong
That's so exhausting.
Come on, let's go get some food.
sway

THE LONG HOLIDAYS ARE STARTING TOMORROW AND MY MUM WON'T BE HOME
I HOPE THESE GROCERIES WILL LAST, SO I WON'T HAVE TO EAT OUT
WHAT IS IT?
HEY, YOU!
get up

HERE! THIS LETTER...
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO PUT IT INTO MY LOCKER TODAY, RIGHT?
UM, YEAH. THAT'S WHAT I DID
THIS LETTER
IT'S FROM MICHIRU, ISN'T IT?
DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO WANTED ME TO PLACE IT THERE?
IT'S ... I'VE BEEN ASKED TO WRITE IT FOR SOMEONE AND...
YOU'RE LYING!

HUH?
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE IT.
THIS HANDWRITING AND WRITING STYLE
IT'S DEFINITELY MICHIRU'S.
DON'T MESS WITH ME!
BUT I REALLY DON'T.
DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS?!
THEN HOW ELSE...
HOW THE HELL...
To Suzu
For daily lunches
I thank you so much
Also Zuno-san
With my deepest
Please
I DON'T...

I CAN'T
I DON'T GET WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT...
I DIDN'T WRITE ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
I REALLY... DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
I...
LOOK HIM IN THE EYES
JOLT
I'M IN A HURRY RIGHT NOW, SO .
I REMEMBER THIS
PLEASE LET GO OF ME—!
THE MIX OF SUSPICION AND CONTEMPT—
THE SAME GAZE THAT I'VE FELT BEFORE
CLOSE
WHAT...
WHAT IS THIS? THAT LETTER—
I DON'T REMEMBER WRITING THAT— BESIDES—
(DOT!)

lift
I'VE HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS WRITING STYLE BEFORE...
WAHHHHHHH!!!
Huh? Did that scream come from Takayama's house?
Yeah, maybe it was Yusuke-kun?
Although I've never heard him scream like this before...

scribble
scribble
scribble
scribble
WHAT?
WAIT?!
HUH!
WHAT?
RAISE
My hand is moving on its own!
I'm sorry
I was the one who used your arm to write that letter
My name is Akihiro
write
AH! IS SUZU THAT GUY I MET EARLIER?
AIZAWA SUZU FROM CLASS 3-27
My name is Akihiro
I was worried about Suzu
I'm extremely sorry for causing you trouble
Please forgive me
A-AREN'T YOU THAT GIRL WHO WAS MURDERED A YEAR AGO?!
nod
nod

I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, BUT SHE'S TRYING REALLY HARD.
She's trying so desperately
Jump?
Jump?
HMM...
UHH... WELL...
FIRST OF ALL, WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO CALM DOWN
Okay?
THAT WAS WHAT I SAID, BUT IN REALITY...
I'm the one who needs to calm down...

THAT GUY ALSO NEVER STOPPED THINKING ABOUT YOU.
EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT.
THIS GIRL PROBABLY
LOVES HIM AS MUCH AS HE LOVES HER.
YOU..

EVER SINCE THEN

scribble

THE GIRL CALLED "MICHIRU" HAS SLOWLY STARTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME BY USING MY RIGHT HAND TO WRITE

scribble

scribble

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I'M SURE AIZAWA WILL BE ANNOYED TO SEE ME SINCE I RAN AWAY FROM HIM YESTERDAY
YOU WANT ME TO GIVE THIS TO AIZAWA-SAN, RIGHT?
nod
nod
SO
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN TELL HIM ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
It would be scary if she turned into an evil spirit
YES!
OPEN
UHH...
DOKI
Bang You

ERM, I CAME SINCE I'VE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU...
I-IT'S...
...
HE'S SCARY
HASTUTU
ERR...
I'M GOING TO BORROW YOUR DESK!!
WAIT!
THUD
And the backside of this advertisement over here!
ALSO A TABLE WOULD BE GOOD!!
AHH!
I WONDER...
THUD
THUD
I...
I GUESS...
CUT IT OUT! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
WHY DID I GO SO FAR TO DO THIS!

I REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO TELL HIM!

THERE'S IS SOMETHING I'VE TO SHOW YOU NO MATTER WHAT!

To Suzu

Please don't be angry with Kiyoshi-san. Even though I didn't mean it, I'm sure you've surprised... but there's some thing

Last year... Celebration I couldn't give

THE FEELINGS OF THAT GIRL...

I'VE TO TELL HIM EVERYTHING!

I couldn't give you memories, this year too. Merry Christmas

Mizuki

...THIS!

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MICHIRU...
ARE YOU...
ACTUALLY MICHIRU?

MICHIRU!
hug
I'M NOT... HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN THIS...
I'M JUST KIND OF LENDING HER MY RIGHT ARM
IT'S LIKE THAT, SO...
EH! NO!
NO, YOU'RE WRONG!
WOULD YOU PLEASE...
LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?

I'M AT A LOSS
SO, YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT MICHIRU IS POSSESSING YOUR RIGHT HAND?
YES.
TO BE EXACT, SHE'S RIGHT NEXT TO ME
This side.
AND SHE USES YOU TO WRITE LETTERS TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME?
IT'S FRUSTRATING
I CAN'T SEE HER AT ALL, SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND
IF I HAD JUST GOTTEN HOME 10 MINUTES EARLIER THAT DAY...
NOT EVEN ONCE DID SHE APPEAR IN MY DREAMS!
SO I THOUGHT SHE SURELY MUST'VE COME TO HATE ME.
THEN MICHIRU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ON THE STREET THAT TIME.

I couldn't give you anything,
however, this year I want to celebrate
it properly, so
Happy Birthday
Michiru
It's not your fault, Sadu
I selfishly decided to be friends
It's my own fault
clench
I MADE HER WORRY, HUH...
ERM! IT'S THAT MICHIRU WAS REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT...
THAT IS... WHY SHE'S STILL HERE ON EARTH AS A GHOST

DO YOU WANT TO EAT, TOO?
You haven't eaten yet, right?
I'M KINDA HUNGRY NOW, MAYBE I SHOULD EAT SOME-THING
AAAAH, THE WORDS ARE REALLY SLOPPY
THEY ALWAYS GET LIKE THIS WHEN YOU'RE CRYING
UHM...
YES...
SOMEHOW, THIS ATMOSPHERE MAKES IT REALLY HARD FOR ME TO STAY...
I WONDER... IF IT'S REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO STAY...
I'VE ABSOLUTELY NO CONNECTION TO AIZAWA-SAN
Do you need a tissue?
SO, YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO WRITES LOVE LETTERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE WHEN REQUESTED?

AH, WELL, IT'S MY DREAM TO BECOME A WRITER IN THE FUTURE...
BUT THAT DREAM MIGHT JUST BE MY WISHFUL THINKING PROBABLY...
YOU HAVE A REALLY BAD TASTE
HMPH
Y-YES
WHY ARE YOU PUTTING YOURSELF DOWN LIKE THIS?
YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE!
You've got talent!

HE'S LISTENING TO ME EARNESTLY.
I THOUGHT HE'D MAKE FUN OF ME.
HOW ABOUT YOU, AIZAWA-SAN?
DO YOU HAVE A DREAM OR ANYTHING?
A DREAM?
HMMM...
IF...
YOU KNOW...

THE THINGS MICHIRU TOLD ME...

ARE REALLY TRUE, THEN...

THE ONLY THING I WANT IS TO KILL MICHIRU'S MURDERER.

I miss you! Please save Suzu!

MAYBE I COULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP HIM

The funeral ceremony of love letters «First part» end

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